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Kings Prevention
Broad Neck
c. 1820

Kings Prevention is situated across Langford Creek from the Reward. Essentially it is an early 19th Century farmhouse which was incorporated into a larger house in the 20th Century. In its original state, the house faced south and the drive came in from the west.

The south wall of the house had three bays and was laid in Flemish bond. The north wall lacks a center window on the second story. It, as well as the gable ends are laid in common bond. While there is neither water table, nor belt course, there is a three course corbeled cornice, usually an indication of construction in the 1820's. The kitchen wing was most likely located on the west gable, as there is a bricked-in door on that side.

When the house was remodeled in the 20th century, a two story frame wing was built on the south side, concealing two of the three bays. The plan of the house was also changed to a single room in the old section with fireplace at each end, eliminating the evidence of its probable hall-parlor plan.

Although built thirty or forty years later, Kings Prevention's form and fenestration resembled Dunkan's Folly and Worth's Folly near the Cecil Meeting House. On both the 1860 and 1877 maps, the property appears to have been in the possession of Joseph J. Maslin. The name "Kings Prevention" is derived from a 34 acre parcel of land patented to Elias King in 1695.¹

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1. Patents, Lib. C 3, fol. 491.

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Kings Prevention
Chestertown
Private

Early 19th Century

King's Prevention is an early 19th century brick farmhouse with modern interior and wings. It has a Flemish bond facade, enclosed end chimneys and corbelled brick cornice. The house is two stories tall and three bays wide. Also on the property are interesting Victorian barns.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Kings Prevention

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Broad Neck, on the way to Langford Bay Estates

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

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Telephone #: (301) 778-3611

STREET & NUMBER

Kings Prevention

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Courthouse

Liber #: EHP 64

Folio #: 414

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland 21620

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Kings Prevention is a three bay, two story brick dwelling with modern side and rear wings. The house, which appears to date from the second quarter of the 19th century, is located on Broad Neck near Lovely Cove, about two miles south of the village of Langford.

It is a central hall building with two rooms per floor; the main entrance is slightly off-center in order to accomodate an interior stair. A modern gable roof entrance porch with round columns and benches shelters the door.

Chimneys with corbelled caps are enclosed in both gables. The roof which is covered with wooden shingles has no dormers and is finished against plain barge boards.

Use of Flemish bond brick on the present rear facade shows that the house originally faced the water. Windows on the facade are also treated ornamentally with rowlock arches on above-grade windows and flat arches on the basement windows.

Elsewhere windows have no arches and main entrance a rowlock arch. There is no belt course or water table and remaining walls are Liverpool bond. The cornice consists of three corbelled courses of brick.

Windows have replacement 6/6 sash and plain trim with a backband molding. Sills are wooden and project slightly from the wall surface. There are no shutters. Besides windows in the long facade there are two windows in the west gable and tiny attic windows.

The house is greatly altered. Besides the disappearance of early wings, the interior of the house is almost entirely recent. Also a cellar entrance on the south facade and attic windows on the east gable have been brick in.

The house is well maintained and surrounded by well kept lawns. Near the house is a handsome, shingled Victorian barn and a pair of Victorian cribs.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
Early 19th century	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Kings Prevention house is important as an example of early 19th century farm building. The Victorian barns are also interesting and increasingly rare: examples of service buildings of their period. It is interesting to note the change of the house's main facade from front to rear, i.e. reflecting the change in water and land use patterns since the beginning of the last century.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Historical Society

DATE

September, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Church Alley

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

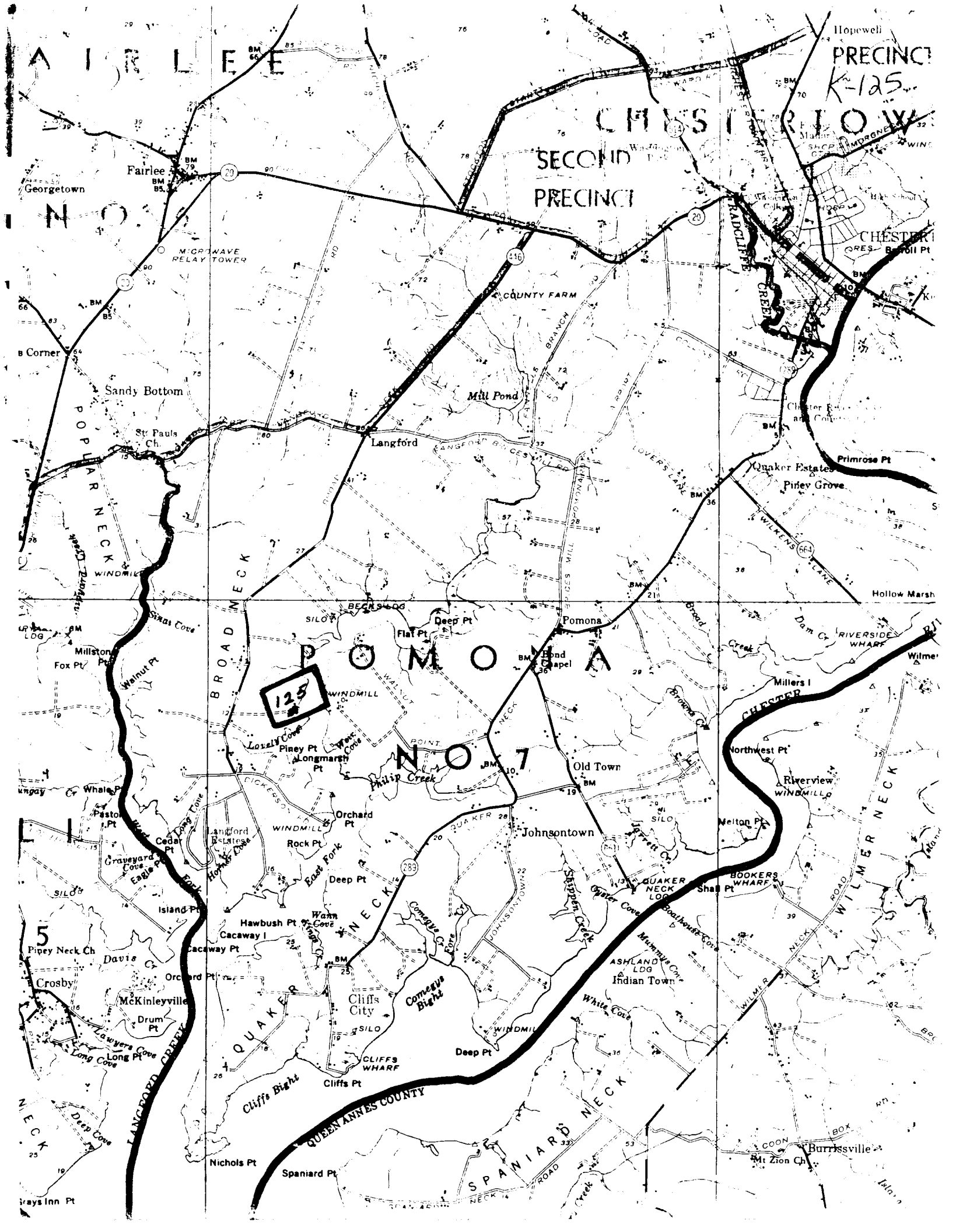
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1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Kent TOWN Chestertown VICINITY Langford STREET NO. Langford Road Broad Neck ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE dwelling PRESENT OWNER Mr. & Mrs. Sterling Larrabee PRESENT USE dwelling WALL CONSTRUCTION brick NO. OF STORIES 2		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY K-125	
2. NAME P King's Prevention DATE OR PERIOD early 19th century STYLE colonial ARCHITECT BUILDER		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC no <p>King's Prevention is an early 19th century brick house which is two storys high, two bays long with central door. It is laid in common bond and has a stepped brick cornice. There are two chimneys, on within each gable. The entrance has a doric porch over the door. To the south of the building is a two story frame wing and to the east is a sun porch.</p> <p>The interior of the old section is only one room with fireplace at each end retaining original simple mantels.</p> <p><i>Mrs. Larrabee came to Kentmore while I was there Chestertown - 778 - 3611 - friend of Mrs Collins -</i></p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered no Interior good Exterior good			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Michael Bourne Maryland Historical Trust DATE OF RECORD May 11, 1968	





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King Prentiss
Broad Neck
Front. - North
C. Engstrom

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Chesterdown, Md

Aug 1974